

M I N U T E S
Mason Consolidated Schools
Meeting of the Board of Education

Approved 11/2/22
October 5, 2022

Regular Meeting

On October 5, 2022, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting in the Mason Senior High School Library. President Stieben called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Fowler, Grodi, Larrow, Otting, Skaggs, Smith and Stieben
Also Present: Bates, Burt, Nieuwkoop, Pollard, Russow, Valentine, and Tuller

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Central Elementary Student Council Treasurer, Dominic Ixta. Dominic introduced his family and shared the reasons he chose to run for treasurer of the student council.

Review/Approval of Agenda

Request to revise agenda to include the introduction of Mason Consolidated Schools SRO, Deputy Bill Rollins.

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Otting to approve the revised agenda.
Motion carried 7-0

New Staff Introduction

Deputy Bill Rollins was introduced to the Board of Education. Administrators shared how Deputy Rollins has made an immediate impact at Mason Consolidated Schools by mentoring and building relationships with students, working with administrators, and being present and available to all staff and students in each building.

Public Comment

-No public comment

Special Presentations

September Staff Member of the Month (Leski/Wittman Sponsored)

-Mrs. Katie Shopshire was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by her colleagues as the September Staff Member of the Month.

Spring Data Share

-Principals shared spring assessment data and 2022-23 plans of support for continued student growth. Central Elementary School students scored above the county and state averages in every area, Mason Middle School students outperformed all county schools in 7 out of 8 areas and was 3rd in the county in the final area. Mason Senior High School scores remained consistent, yet are below expected levels. Interventions currently in place to address these include Freshman and Sophomore Focus periods to assist identified students with academic, behavioral, and social/emotional needs, honors classes to allow differentiation and targeted time for all students, and dedicated support time during Eagle Advisory and after-school opportunities.

Student Council Reports

Mason Senior High School- HS Student Council President, Maddie Moore, shared the various activities and events the HS student council members are planning and engaging in.

Mason Middle School- Student Council Adviser, Mrs. Susan Costello, shared the various activities and events the MS student council members are planning and engaging in.

Old Business

Presentation of minutes from the September 7, 2022, Board of Education Meeting
-President Stieben presented, no comments

Monthly Items

September 2022 Check Register

-President Stieben presented; Trustee Larrow raised questions over check numbers 66600 and 66642. A follow-up by Ms. Nieuwkoop will occur.

Board Financial Reports

- Finance Director, Dawn Nieuwkoop, presented; no comments/questions

Sinking Fund Report

- Finance Director, Dawn Nieuwkoop, presented; no comments/questions

New Business

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Mason High School.

Recommendation to approve Ida Middle School/Mason Middle School Swim Co-op
Athletic Director, Dustin Pollard, presented a recommendation to approve Ida Middle School to join Mason Middle School in forming a cooperative in co-ed swimming. Ida Public Schools has committed to being responsible for the cost of employing an additional swim coach.

-Motion by Grodi, supported by Smith

Motion carried 7-0

Recommendation to dissolve current Board practice-New hire experience steps
Superintendent Tuller asked the Board to consider removing the current practice of limiting experience steps to six (6) since there is a significant teacher shortage around the nation. Ms. Tuller indicated that Board approval will allow her to work with the EMEA to develop a Letter of Agreement to address this area.

-Motion by Grodi, supported by Otting

Motion carried 7-0

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes from the September 7, 2022, Board of Education Meeting

Approve the September 2022 Check Register

Approve CES Schedule B, Unit Leader, Mentor positions

Approve MMS Schedule B, Unit Leader, Mentor positions

Approve MSHS Schedule B, Unit Leader, Mentor positions

Approve the appointment of Reproductive Health/HIV 2022-23 Committee Members

-Motion by Larrow, supported by Fowler to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Motion carried 7-0

Superintendent's Report

Communication and Engagement:

Homecoming week: The HS student council, Katie Shopshire, and other volunteers have worked hard to ensure an exciting and memorable week for our kiddos. Students, staff, parents, and the community are looking forward to all homecoming activities. Be sure to join everyone at the parade on Friday and the game right after. Go Eagles!

Operations:

The District has initiated an inquiry with MASB consultant, Dr. Rod Green, and PFM Financial Advisors on our next steps for District facility needs.

Academics and Programs:

Current Multi-Tiered Systems of Support at each building are being reviewed for impact. We are very proud of our current outcomes at many levels and understand the need to review practices to continue to improve student achievement levels.

Flexible Learning Options:

The District offers a variety of flexible learning options at the high school level. This semester students chose these options 74 times. These options included Direct College (college on campus at Mason) with Lourdes University, Dual Enrollment at MCCC, Health Science Program at Monroe High School, Firefighter 1/2 and EMT program at Dundee High School, and MCS' Work Based Learning Program.

Donations: This District graciously accepted the following donations during the month of September.

- Pat Larrow \$100 MS Youth and Government
- Mike Denko \$565 on behalf of the class of '77 annual Golf Outing for At-Risk program support

Enrollment: Current enrollment was shared as of October 5, 2022.

CES: 442

MMS: 248

MSHS: 346

MAVA: 17

Total at MCS: 1053

Monroe County Middle College (MCMC): 25

Administrative Reports

-Administrators shared monthly updates

Full September Administrative Reports can be found on the district's website under the District Tab: Reports

Board Reports/Comments

Grodi: Full disclosure. The (Homecoming) Big Ball game was violent. The score was 49 to 0. The Juniors had 18 participating and the Seniors had 36. They were all on the field at the same time. I was shocked we didn't have any rules for this gladiator event. They did a great job.

We need to consider getting a quote to wrap the press box in steel. It is deteriorating and we need to protect the wood. I ask Mike or Superintendent Tuller to take a look at that.

Skaggs: I love the start of the school year reports and all the exciting stuff. It is invigorating to hear all of the positivity. It always stays positive, but it feels extra special this time of the year. I have been sitting here feeling very proud to be sitting here among all of you fine people.

Smith: Glad to see that we are expanding the program for the swim so thank you for the effort in that. It's nice to be able to utilize that and build positive relationships with other schools. Congratulations to everybody for all of the hard work and keep moving forward.

Fowler: Ditto. I am very thankful to hear about all of the programs that we are doing. That is something that is very dear to me. Great job on the data. There is more to do, and I know you guys will get there.

Otting: Dustin I am excited about the swim thing. They are going to love having a second coach. Ben, great scores. Really very impressive. Float building has been a whole new experience. Nice time.

Larrow: I want to thank Dustin for allowing me to be a ticket taker. It is a good experience. I really enjoyed it. Congrats on the scores. Brandon, I know it is hard for you to follow what Ben is doing but we're improving and reaching out to those kids and finding out where their weaknesses are to help them. Band images were finally taken, and banners are going up tomorrow on the fence. I was able to print a fight song banner for the middle school gym and another small one that they can hang. Both were donated.

Stieben: Not a lot I can add to what everyone has said tonight. It is always exciting to get the school year started. Ben your scores are amazing. This has been a tremendous trend over time. You have built a really great system over there that works well for that age of kids. Brandon was handed a mess when he got it and it is wonderful how you are pulling that together. The numbers are much better and your impact is huge too. I am also going to give Deb a shout out because her numbers are good too. Dustin, athletics are looking great. Our last couple of athletic directors have brought athletics back as a source of pride. Dawn, love having you. Jason, again you surprise me and impress me. We are glad you have chosen to be here. Thank Chad for the server. And thanks to the group that is on the Board. I look forward to this year.

Adjournment

At 7:36 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Smith to adjourn the October 5, 2022, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 7-0

Janice Skaggs, Secretary